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ATOMIC POWER GENERATION
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the nuclear power generation in near future, in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government have granted fiscal concession to some nuclear power projects which are being implemented in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the stages at which these project stand;

(d) the percentage of atomic energy of the country out of the total power generation from various sources;

(e) whether most of the atomic power stations/units are being faced various problems; and

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the measures being taken by the Government to solve these problems?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. Government of India have approved extending the following concessions to Tarapur Atomic Power Project-3&4 (TAPP-3&4) and all the future NuclearPower Projects including the proposed KudankulamAtomic Power Project and Power Projects in the Atomic Energy Sector having a capacity of 440 MWe and above:

i) Customs duty waiver on import of equipment.
ii) Income tax holiday for 10 years in any block within the first 15 years.
iii) Deemed export status of indigenous suppliers which would mean no excise duty, sales tax and other local levies.

The work on Tarapur Atomic Power Station-3&4 (2x500 MWe)(TAPP-3&4) has started consequent on the issue of administrative/financial sanction in December 1997. The scheduled criticality dates for TAPP-3&4 are July 2006 and October 2005 respectively. Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the 2x1000 MWe Kudankulam Atomic Power Project has been taken up and is expected to be completed by mid 2001. Final decision on the implementation of the Project would depend on the result of evaluation of its techno-economic viability on the DPR.

(d) The percentage of nuclear power generated out of the total power generated in the country during 1999-2000 is 2.8%.

(e) No, sir.

(f) Does not arise.